of Rayan under Barddhaman Telephone Exchange; and

(d) by when they are likely to get connections?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Only 10 applications for new telephone connections have been received from the village of Rayan, out of which 3 applications have been registered in the general waiting list for Barddhaman telephone exchange.

(c) and (d) Action is being taken to lay underground cables in the locality. The telephone connections to be registered subscribers in the waiting list are likely to be provided as per their turn during 1997 from Barddhaman Telephone Exchange.

राज्यों में मैट्रो चैनल

1993. **श्रीमती आनंदी ज॰ पटेल:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश के कितने राज्यों में "मैट्रो चैनल" की व्यवस्था है, जिसके अंतर्गत 48 घंटों में डाक का वितरण किया जाता है;

(ख) इस मैट्रो चैनल का ब्यौरा क्या है और इस चैनल के माध्यम से डाक-वितरण की प्रक्रिया क्या है;

(ग) निकट भविष्य में इस मैट्रो चैनल के विस्तार की क्या योजना है; और

(घ) इस संबंध में राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा) : (क) मेट्रो चैनल देश के 6 राज्यों अर्थात् आंध्र प्रदेश, दिल्ली, कर्नाटक, महाराष्ट्र, तमिलनाडु और पश्चिम बंगाल में मौजूद है।

(ख) मेट्रो चैनल एक महानगर से दूसरे महानगर को पोस्ट की गई पिन कोड अंकित प्रथम श्रेणी की साधारण पत्र डाक की पोस्टिंग के दिन के उपरांत 48 घंटों के भीतर डाक के त्वरित पारेषण और वितरण पर ध्यान देती है। ऐसी डाक को आरंभिक छंटाई की अवस्था में ही अलग कर दिया जाता है और तब इसे पूरी तरह छांट कर प्रेषित किया जाता है।

(ग) निकट भविष्य में मैट्रो चैनल के विस्तार का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(घ) उपर्युक्त (ग) को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Revision of Electoral Rolls in Assam

1994. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 523 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th November, 1996 and state:

(a) the reasons for not revising the faulty electoral rolls well in time after elections in Dispur, Nagaon, Nazira, Dergaon and Margherita;

(b) the steps Government are now taking to revise the electroal rolls, and assuage the strong sentiments of the students and avoid an unpleasant situation; and

(c) whether Government propose to go ahead with the elections with faulty electoral rolls?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFARIS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The bye-elections in Dispur, Nazira, Dergaon and Margherita Legislative Assembly constituencies were held as a result of the elections to these constituencies being countermanded due to the death of contesting candidate (belonging to a recognised party) at the time of General Election to the Legislative Assembly held in April-May, 1996. In the case of bye-elections to Nagaon Legislative Assembly constituency, this was held consequent on vacating of the seat of the winning candidate who had contested and won from two separate constituencies in the General Election.

For General Election held in April-May, 1996 electoral rolls used were those that were drawn after a summary revision with the qualifying date of 01.1.1996. For countermanded elections, the existing electoral rolls that were to be used if the elections were not countermanded, have to be followed.

The Election Commission has since ordered intensive revision of electoral rolls in respect of 126 Legislative Assembly constituencies in the State of Assam with 01.1.97 as the qualifying date. The process has already commenced and is in preliminary state.